

Mock Newbery November Reading List

Sharpen your book discussion and evaluation skills. Please read one or (hopefully) more books for the meeting on **Wednesday, November 30 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the Barrington Public Library** (directions below). The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria: 1) In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

- a. Committee members need to consider the following:
 - Interpretation of the theme or concept
 - Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
 - Development of a plot
 - Delineation of characters
 - Delineation of setting
 - Appropriateness of style

Note: Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

- b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

The final session will be Tuesday, January 3 (snow date January 17), 7:00-9:00, Warwick Public Library. Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place at that session using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

Avi. *The Book without Words.*

Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks: A summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy.*

Birney, Betty G. *Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs.*

Bruchac, Joseph. *Whisper in the Dark.*

Couloumbis, Audrey. *The Misadventures of Maude March, or Trouble Rides a Fast Horse.*

Creech, Sharon. *Replay.*

Dowell, Frances O’Roark. *Chicken Boy.*

Erdrich, Louise. *The Game of Silence.*

Fleischman, Sid. *The Giant Rat of Sumatra, or Pirates Galore.*

Going, K.L. *Liberation of Gabriel King.*

Hiasson, Carl. *Flush.*

Hobbs, Valerie. *Defiance*.

Klise, Kate. *Deliver Us from Normal*.

Levine, Gail Carson. *Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg*.

Madden, Kerry. *Gentle's Holler*.

Marcum, Lance. *The Cottonmouth Club*.

Park, Linda Sue. *Project Mulberry*.

Pearsall, Shelley. *Crooked River*.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Criss Cross*.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher. *Under the Persimmon Tree*.

Stauffacher, Sue. *Harry Sue*.

White, Ruth. *The Search for Belle Prater*.

Wiles, Deborah. *Each Little Bird that Sings*.

Poetry possibilities

Nelson, Marilyn. *A Wreath for Emmett Till*.

Nye, Naomi Shihab. *A Maze Me: poems for girls*.

Sidman, Joyce. *Song of the Water Boatman & Other Pond Poems*.

Silverstein, Shel. *Runny Babbit*.

Singer, Marilyn. *Central Heating: poems about fire and warmth*.

Nonfiction

Nonfiction is eligible for the Newbery Award, but we do not include nonfiction for RI's Mock Newbery as those titles are examined in our Mock Sibert. Poetry and folklore are not eligible for the Sibert Award.

Dropped in October

Bauer, Marion Dane. *A Bear Named Trouble*.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott. *Martin Bridge: Ready for Takeoff!* (ineligible – Canadian author)

Lester, Julius. *Day of Tears*.

Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird and the Room Mother*.

Please feel free to send suggested titles to: melody_allen@gw.doa.state.ri.us

Directions: From Rt. 95, take Rt. 195 East. Go 3 miles to Exit 7 for Rt. 114 South (Barrington/Seekonk). Go 6.5 miles, passing the "White" Church and the High School, to a light in a shopping area, and turn left into the Government Center. The library is on the right across from the Town Hall.